

Mail to: State of Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Resources  
Bureau of Customer Service & Licensing  
PO Box 7924  
Madison, WI 53707-7924  
(Along with the required fee)

## Deer Farm Fence Certificate Application

Form 2300-296 (R 2/05)

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**Fees:** \$50 if fenced area or addition is under 80 acres.  
\$100 if fenced area or addition is 80 acres or more.

☐ This is an Application for an Initial or Original Fence Inspection Certificate.

☐ This is an Application for Inspection of a Fence Addition. My DATCP Deer Farm Registration Number is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Notice:** This application is required for any fence that encloses farm raised deer that are white-tailed deer pursuant to s. 90.21, Wis. Stats. An approved fence inspection certificate must be obtained before a person may apply for a deer farm registration with the Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Possession of captive white-tailed deer without first obtaining a fence inspection certificate from the Dept. of Natural Resources may result in a forfeiture of \$200 plus costs.

### Applicant Information

Applicant Name--Last	First	MI	Certificate Number Issued: (For Dept. Use Only)		
Street Address:			Day Time Telephone Number		
City	State	ZIP Code	Alternate Telephone Number		
Business (Deer Farm) Name			E-Mail Address		
Address of Deer Farm			County		
Deer Farm City	State	ZIP Code	Township	Range E / W	Section
			N		

**Type of Fence:** Check all that apply. ☐ Woven Wire ☐ High Tensile Fence ☐ Other, describe below

**If Applying for approval to use an Alternative Fencing Material:** Describe in detail the materials and construction methods proposed to be used.  
(Alternative fencing materials require approval BEFORE construction begins.)

**CWD Program Enrollment Status:** Check all that apply

☐ Enrolled in DATCP CWD Monitoring Program # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Have a double or solid fence meeting requirements of NR 16.45.

☐ Will file a Deer Harvest Plan (The Deer Harvest Plan is only an option for farms greater than 80 acres. )

Forms will be sent annually.

**Verification of CWD Enrollment**  
(For Dept. Use Only)

**Species of deer (cervidae) to be contained within this fenced area:**

<b>Total Number of Fenced Acres:</b> Minimum. of 1/2 acre	<b>Total Lineal Feet of Perimeter Fence:</b> See reverse	<b>Fence Construction Dates</b> Start Date:	Complete Date:
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**Provide the following information:**

- Height of fence: \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ inches.
- Gauge or diameter(in millimeters) of wire: \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of Posts: ☐ Steel or ☐ Wood
- If wood, top diameter or dimension of posts \_\_\_\_\_ inches.
- Spacing between posts: \_\_\_\_\_ ft.
- Length of posts \_\_\_\_\_ ft.
- Are any **wild** white-tailed deer inside the fenced area? ☐ Yes ☐ No, If Yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_
- Has a 4 ft. (minimum) wide corridor been established along fence perimeter? ☐ Yes ☐ No,  
If Yes: ☐ Inside of fence ☐ Outside of fence

**Complete diagram of fenced area on back of this form.**

### Certification

I hereby certify the above information and the diagram on the back side of this application are true and correct. I also understand that providing incorrect information may result in revocation of my fence certificate and possible penalties.

Signature of Applicant	Date Signed
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### Diagram of perimeter fence:

1. Include location of all gates,
2. Indicate perimeter dimensions in feet of each side of fence (add all sides together to arrive at lineal footage),
3. Indicate space between any double fences, and
4. Indicate original fence area and expansion or additions (if applicable).
5. Draw your fence as it appears from above.

**Incomplete applications will not be processed or approved.**

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Fence Inspected By:	DNR Title or Position	Certificate Issuance Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date
If not approved, explain why:			

## FARM-RAISED DEER - WHITE-TAILED DEER SPECIFICATIONS

### 1. Fencing Specification

Any person who keeps farm-raised deer that are white-tailed deer shall keep the deer enclosed by a fence that meets all of the following requirements:

#### A. Fencing height.

The fence shall be at least 8 feet high, measured from the ground to the top horizontal wire and shall be a high tensile fence that satisfies (b), or a woven wire fence that satisfies (c) below or, if made of other materials, is of a design and level of strength that provides equivalent retentive capacity. Written approval is required before beginning construction for any fence not meeting (b) or (c) below. All fencing must extend all the way to the ground. Existing fences constructed and approved prior to January 1, 2003 need only be 7'10" in height.

#### B. High tensile fence. A high tensile fence shall satisfy the requirements of this subsection if all of the following apply:

1. The horizontal line wires are not less than 2.5 millimeters in size and are heavily galvanized high tensile wire.
2. The vertical stay wires are not less than 2.5 millimeters in size and are heavily galvanized medium tensile wire.
3. The knot wire is not less than 2.24 millimeters in size and is heavily galvanized mild steel.
4. The distance between vertical stay wires is not more than 6 inches.
5. The distance between horizontal line wires is not more than 4 inches in the bottom foot of the fence, is not more than 6.5 inches in the next 2 feet of the fence and is not more than 8.5 inches in the rest of the fence.
6. The posts are not more than 20 feet apart.

#### C. Woven wire fence. A woven wire fence shall satisfy the requirements of this subsection if all of the following apply:

1. The wire is 14½ gauge or heavier.
2. If the wire is 14½ gauge, the mesh is not larger than 36 square inches.
3. If the wire is heavier than 14½ gauge, the mesh is not larger than 48 square inches.
4. The distance between horizontal line wires is not more than 4 inches in the bottom foot of the fence; not more than 6.5 inches in the next 2 feet of the fence; and not more than 8.5 inches in the rest of the fence.
5. The posts are not more than 12 feet apart.

#### D. Wooden posts. If the fence is made of wood posts, all of the following shall apply:

1. Length: The post shall be at least 12 feet long.
2. Line post smallest dimension: If line posts are rectangular, the top of the posts shall be at least 3.5 inches in the smallest dimension. If line posts are round, the top of the posts shall be at least 3.5 inches in diameter.
3. Corner and Gate Posts Smallest dimension: If corner and gate posts are rectangular, the top shall be at least 5.5 inches in diameter. If round, the top of posts shall be at least 5.5 inches in diameter.
4. The wires shall be held securely to the posts, allowing for free movement of the horizontal line wires, using 9-gauge staples of at least 1.5 inch size.

#### E. Steel or iron posts. If the fence is made with steel or iron posts, the posts shall be at least 12 feet long.

#### F. Installation of wire. The wires are installed on the side of the fence toward the farm-raised white-tailed deer except at corners.

#### G. Additions or expansion to fences. Additions to or expansions of perimeter fencing that increase the size of the fenced area shall meet the 8' height requirement.

#### H. Gates. All gates shall remain closed and secured except when persons or equipment are traveling through the gates.

#### I. Corridors. A corridor at least 4 feet wide shall be maintained along the inside or outside of all perimeter fences to allow regular inspections of the fence by the deer farm operator or the department with the use of a vehicle.

### 2. Special Fencing Requirements: Double or Solid Fences

#### A. Deer farms with perimeter fences less than 80 acres in size. No person may possess captive farm-raised deer that are white-tailed deer on any deer farm with a perimeter fence enclosing less than 80 acres unless enrolled in the chronic wasting disease herd monitoring program established by s. ATCP 10.67 or unless captive farm-raised white-tailed deer are enclosed by double perimeter fences or a solid fence meeting the following standards:

1. Both fences shall meet all fencing specifications above. The 2 fences shall be at least 8 feet but not more than 16 feet apart.
2. Solid fences shall meet the fence specifications above with a height requirement of 8 feet. The lower 7 feet of the fence shall be covered with solid material that prevents animals on opposite sides of the fence from making visual or physical contact. The solid perimeter fence shall contain at least one single strand electrified wire on the inside or the outside of the entire length of the perimeter fence at a height of 3 feet and shall be at a distance of 2 feet from the main fence.

## 2. Special Fencing Requirements: Double or Solid Fences (continued)

- B. Deer farms with perimeter fences 80 acres or greater in size.* No person may possess captive farm-raised deer that are white-tailed deer on any deer farm with a perimeter fence enclosing 80 acres or greater unless one of the following apply:
1. The deer farm is enrolled in the chronic wasting disease herd-monitoring program established by s. ATCP 10.67.
  2. The owner of a deer farm files a deer harvest plan with the department to sample 10% of the resident deer (deer 2 years old and older) population annually for chronic wasting disease over 3 consecutive years and 5% annually after the first 3 years.
  3. Captive farm-raised white-tailed deer are enclosed by double perimeter fences or at least one solid perimeter fence meeting the fencing standards listed under 2. A. 1 and 2.
- C. Revocation of fence certification.* Failure to remain enrolled in or comply with the chronic wasting disease monitoring, surveillance monitoring, deer harvest plan or fencing plan as described or failure to maintain a perimeter fence in good condition may result in the revocation of a fence certification.

## 3. Minimum Size

A farm-raised white-tailed deer farm fence may not enclose less than ½ acre or 21,780 square feet.

## 4. Exceptions

The use of materials, other than those specified in this section for deer farm perimeter fence construction may be permitted by the department if the materials are found to exceed minimum specifications and the fence is sufficient to hold the deer inside the enclosure. Permission must be written and obtained before work begins on the fence.

## 5. Fencing Compliance Extension

- A. Time period to bring deer farms with perimeter fences less than 80 acres in size fences into compliance.* Deer farms with white-tailed deer with perimeter fences enclosing less than 80 acres shall have until January 1, 2004 to enter the chronic wasting disease herd monitoring program established by s. ATCP 10.67 or file a fencing plan with the department on forms supplied by the department and until June 30, 2004 to comply with the fencing plan.
- B. Time period to bring deer farms with perimeter fences 80 acres or greater in size fences into compliance.* Deer farms with white-tailed deer with perimeter fences enclosing 80 acres or greater shall have until January 1, 2004 to enter the chronic wasting disease monitoring or herd surveillance program established by ch. ATCP 10 or file a deer harvest plan or file a fencing plan with the department on forms supplied by the department and until December 31, 2004.

**Note:** Forms for a deer harvest plan or fencing plan will be sent to you by the department upon receipt of a completed application indicating the intention to participate in one of these plans or you may contact the DNR Bureau of Customer Service and Licensing, at PO Box 7924 Madison, WI 53707. Phone 608.266.2621.

## 6. Notice of Fence Expansion or Replacement

Before farm-raised white-tailed deer may be enclosed within a fence expansion a deer farm fencing certificate application must be filed and approved. Notice does not have to be given to the department before construction begins.

**Note:** Routine maintenance and minor repairs to existing wire, posts and gates that do not result in the total replacement of a section of perimeter fence do not need to be reported to the department.

## 7. Reporting of Fence Failure and Escapes

Any time a fence required by s. 90.21, Stats., fails to contain farm-raised deer that are white-tailed deer, the person issued the fence certificate shall notify the department of the fence failure or escape. The notification shall take place immediately if possible but not later than 24 hours after the person is aware of the fence failure or escape has occurred and shall include what action will be taken. Notification to the DNR may be made by calling the DNR Hotline at 1-800-847-9367.

## REMOVAL OF WILD WHITE-TAILED DEER

### 1. Removal of Wild Deer

Prior to the issuance of a fence inspection certificate, all wild white-tailed deer remaining in a fenced area which could not be chased out prior to the fence surrounding the area being completely enclosed shall be killed in one of the following ways:

- A. Permit.* A written permit issued to the landowner or persons designated by the department to shoot the wild white-tailed deer within the fence.
- B. Department employees.* By department employees.

**Note:** DATCP rules do not permit the DNR to sell or transfer any live wild white-tailed deer for deer farming purposes.

### 2. Disposal of Wild White-tailed Deer

All deer killed shall be disposed of as directed by the department at the expense of the applicant.